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FOURTH REQUEST FOR STATUS

Honorable Commissioner for Patents U.S. Patent and Trademark Office Customer Service Window Randolph Building, Mail Stop 401 Dulany Street Alexandria, VA 22314

Sir:

As more than 32 months have passed since this application was filed or entered into the United States National Stage and no office action on the merits has yet been received, the applicants hereby respectfully make inquiry as to the status of the above-identified application.

As 37 CFR 1.2 states that the action of the PTO "will be based exclusively on the written record", applicant needs and therefore requests a <u>written reply</u>.

Respectfully submitted,

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